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RE: HOMELESS AT THE LINCOLN MOTEL

Karen Highsmith, Director of Welfare for the City of Newark is in the midst of holding hearings to review the cases of the welfare clients who, because they are homeless, have been housed at the Lincoln Motel. Some have been there since November.

During the week of March 24th 53 of the 80 people housed there through emergency funding were notified that they have exceeded the 90 day limit for such aid (see attached form GA-33).

Dollar figures are, at this point, difficult to track. One reason is that the Lincoln Motel is paid in lump sums that cover both the "eligible" and the "ineligible". Also, the rate of \$49 dollars is, in some cases per person if they are in a room by themselves, or per room if they are doubled up. Figures for February have not been arrived at since we are still awaiting bills for that month. After 90 days, local welfare had to pick up the entire tab, losing the 75 percent match from the State. This figure, naturally, depends on how many were being housed over what period of time.

Mrs. Highsmith, upon completion of the hearings, will put together a report on the entire subject. She has been holding up to five hearings a day and expects to conclude the hearings next week.

What we seem to know at this point is that from November to January the people involved have received welfare checks totaling \$28,000. The Lincoln Motel has been paid a total of \$99,000 during the same period but for services that include all of the people housed there by the city.

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